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TO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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SUBJ: FUNDS

REF : KUWAIT 1443

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM DAVIES

1. FBO IS SENDING BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM TODAY AUTHORIZATION REQUESTED KUWAIT 1443. PROCESS REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION FROM CENTRAL BUDGET OFFICE TO SHIFT FUNDS TO MINOR IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT FOR NUMBER FS POSTS WITH SIMILAR URGENT SY BUILDING PROBLEMS. TELEGRAM ALSO WILL REQUEST ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ENGINEERING DATA AND DETAILED COST ESTIMATES FOR GUARD HOUSE PROPOSAL.

2. I HAVE DISCUSSED THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN IMPROVING YOUR SECURITY PROGRAM WITH RAY HUNT IN SOME DETAIL. WE ALL WISH TO SEE THESE IMPROVEMENTS MADE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT ALL SUCH UNPROGRAMMED EXPENSES BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE CURRENT SECURITY SITUATION ARE BEING FUNDED BY TAKING FROM OTHER PLANNED AND BUDGETED PROJECTS. WE CAN AND WILL MEET ESSENTIAL NEEDS BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT OUR POSTS CAN IGNORE THE JUSTIFICATION AND TECHNICAL DATA NORMALLY

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REQUIRED BY MANUAL ORDER. YOU ARE INDEED JUSTIFIED IN PROCEEDING WITH BASIC SECURITY NEEDS THAT CANNOT BE HELD UP FOR DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL BUT THIS DOES NOT RELIEVE YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE PEOPLE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY TO IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER SUBMIT COMPLETE SPECIFICATIONS AND DETAILS REQUIRED UNDER 6 FAM 733 WHEN THIS IS NOT DONE IN AN ORDERLY MANNER IT REDUCES SUBSTANTIALLY OUR ABILITY TO PROPERLY SUPPORT YOUR NEED WITH THE OFFICE CONCERNED. FOR EXAMPLE, NEA/ EX WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION FROM TELEGRAM 1191 THAT KUWAIT HAD GONE AHEAD WITH CERTAIN EMERGENCY IMPROVEMENTS COSTING BETWEEN 2 TO 3 THOUSAND DOLLARS AND WOULD SUBMIT JUSTIFICATION AND SPECIFICATION FOR OTHER PROJECTS. KUWAIT 1443 RAISED THE AMOUNT SPENT TO DOLS. 17,400 WITHOUT INDICATING WHAT HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. WE FIND OURSELVES PRESSING FBO FOR THIS SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT WITHOUT SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHAT IT IS FOR AND WITHOUT DETAILS ON WHAT IS BEING DEFERRED, PRIORITY ATTACHED TO DERRALS AND ESTIMATED COSTS OF DEFERRALS.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, NEA HAS BEEN HELD UP IN SUPPORT OF KUWAIT AND GULF POST SECURITY NEEDS PENDING RECEIPT OF FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN AND OTHER FINANCIAL DATA REQUESTED IN STATE CABLES 67205 OF APRIL 11; 79663 OF APRIL 27; 86119 OF MAY 7; 87744 OF MAY 9 AND 98598 OF MAY 23.

4. WE OF COURSE ARE ACUTELY AWARE OF AND CONCERNED BY THE SECURITY NEEDS OF OUR POSTS AND WILL DO OUR UTMOST TO RESPOND TO THESE NEEDS EFFECTIVELY AND SPEEDILY. HOWEVER, WE CAN BEST BE OF HELP WHEN STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES ARE FOLLOWED. RUSH

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